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SUBJ: ARRAIGNMENT OF ARRESTED BUSINESS LEADERS

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1. ELEVEN BUSINESS LEADERS WHOSE ARRESTS LAST WEEK WERE
DESCRIBED REFTEL HAVE HAD THEIR CASES UNDER INVESTIGATION
BY JUDICIARY POLICE AND ALL BUT TWO HAVE BEEN ARRAIGNED BEFORE
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CRIMINAL COURT JUDGES.

2. JUDGE HEARING CASE CONCERNING DE BRITO GROUP DECLARED ARRESTS OF EDUARDO MATOS CASTRO, DIRECTOR OF BANCO INTERCONTINENTAL PORTUGUES (BIP), AND JOAO CRISOSTOMO MORAIS OF SOCIEDADE FINANCEIRA PORTUGUESA ILLEGAL AND ORDERED THEIR IMMEDIATE RELEASE. JORGE DE BRITO WAS ORDERED HELD WITHOUT BAIL, WHILE FERNANDO BARBOSA CRUZ AND ANTONIO DE SOUSA VIEIRA OF BIP AND FRANCISCO BRAS DE OLIVEIRA OF CREDITO PREDIAL WERE RELEASED ON \$80,000 BAIL EACH. BIP DIRECTOR JOAO DE ALMEIDA GARRETT IS STILL AT LARGE.

3. MEANWHILE, JUDGE IN TORRALTA CASE DECLARED ARRESTS OF THREE TORRALTA DIRECTORS (JOAQUIM DE PAIVA CORREIA, AGOSTINHO DA SILVA, AND JOSE DA SILVA) WERE LEGAL AND ORDERED THEM HELD WITHOUT BAIL. TWO OTHER TORRALTA DIRECTORS, ADMIRAL SARMENTO RODRIGUES AND COLONEL JOAO DA SILVA DELGADO, ARE UNDER MILITARY JURISDICTION AND DISPOSITION OF THEIR CASES NOT YET KNOWN.

4. COMMENT: FACT THAT JUDICIARY IS APPARENTLY ACTING INDEPENDENTLY DESPITE STRONG GOVERNMENT INTEREST IN CASE IS A GOOD SIGN. THERE HAS BEEN SOME BUSINESS FEELING THAT LEFTIST ELEMENTS IN GOP MAY HAVE OVERREACHED THEMSELVES IN THIS INSTANCE.
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